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1. EMBOFF HAS RECEIVED FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY DIVISION OF ENERGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES AN AIDE MEMOIRE IN RESPONSE TO RE B PRESENTATION. IN TEXT, AIDE MEMOIRE REITERATES GOB INTEREST IN IMPLEMENTATION OF COOPERATION OUTLINED IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON OCCASION OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT, STATES THAT IN GOB VIEW SUBGROUP ON ENERGY TECHNOLOGY IS APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR IMPLEMENTING COOPERATION, AND AGREES TO MEETING OF SUBGROUP ON ENERGY TECHNOLOGY IN WASHINGTON ON 25 SEPTEMBER.

2. IN ORAL PRESENTATION FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICER SAID THAT IN FACT GOB STRONGLY PREFERRED 2 OCTOBER AS DATE OF MEETING, AND WOULD CONSIDER IT A COURTESY IF US SIDE WOULD PROPOSE THAT DATE. HE EXPLAINED THAT LATE SEPTEMBER DATES WOULD CONFLICT WITH COFFEE MEETINGS AND WOULD COMPLICATE PLANS OF MINISTER PROENCA TOSA TO HEAD GOB DELEGATION TO SUBGROUP MEETING. HE SAID VISIT OF UNCLASSIFIED

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FRENCH PRESIDENT TO BRAZIL BEGINNING
4 OCTOBER WOULD NOT INTERFERE.

3. TEXT OF AIDE MEMOIRE ALSO DISCUSSES CONCEPT OF A FIVE DAY SERIES OF MEETINGS ALL UNDER UMBRELLA OF THE SUBGROUP AND INVOLVING BOTH GENERAL AND EXPERTS MEETINGS. IN DOING SO, IT CLEARLY SAYS GOB DOES NOT FAVOR CONCEPT

OF BRIEF SUBGROUP MEETING FOLLOWED BY SEPARATE EXPERTS MEETINGS, BUT WOULD RATHER PREFER TO KEEP ALL MEETINGS ON COOPERATION UNDER SUBGROUP. TEXT ADDS THAT GOB WILL BE PRESENTING SUGGESTIONS FOR MEETING AGENDA SOON.

4. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICER ADDED INFORMALLY THAT THERE HAD ALREADY BEEN THREE MEETINGS OF WORKING GROUP PREPARING RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS PASSED TO GOB ON 2 MAY, AND THAT HE HOPED REPLIES WOULD BE READY SHORTLY.

5. COMMENT: WHILE EMBASSY RECOGNIZES THAT GOB INSISTENCE ON KEEPING DISCUSSIONS OF NON-NUCLEAR ENERGY COOPERATION WITHIN CONFINES OF SUBGROUP ON ENERGY TECHNOLOGY IS NOT IN KEEPING WITH USG DESIRE FOR SEPARATE TECHNICAL MEETINGS TO REFINE COOPERATION PROPOSALS. WE DO NOT SEE ANYTHING TO BE GAINED BY CONTINUING TO RESIST GOB DESIRE TO HAVE ALL MEETINGS UNDER SUBGROUP UMBRELLA. END COMMENT.
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